

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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July 15, 1974

Mr. David Longstreet  
N.J. State Department of  
Environmental Protection  
209 East State Street  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Dear Mr. Longstreet:

As per our telephone conversation of July 10, this letter describes my observations of the demolition work at the site once occupied by the Ventron Corporation.

On July 8, 1974, I visited the Ventron site, accompanied by Mr. Heleniewski and Dr. Laformara of this office. The purpose of this visit was to familiarize myself with the area.

Demolition at the site was in process. I observed that the building being demolished was being sprayed with a fire hose. A portion of the runoff from these washings fell alongside the southern side of this building. The rate of outpouring of this water could be described as similar to an open house hose tap. On July 11 when I subsequently visited the Ventron site, I discovered the area on which this water was pouring had an exposed 6 inch drainage pipe. In other words, an exposed pipe in which surface water could readily flow. No great accumulation of surface water was noticed, but I do not know how long they had been spraying.

The drainage ditch on the southern end of the property had a flow, but I could not find the feed water. The drainage ditch water flow moved into an approximately two ft. diameter pipe. I could not find the outflow from this pipe. An overflow weir near the southeastern property fence had a pump hose and pump connected to it. The pump was not pumping during the time I was at the site. The surface of this below ground level weir was covered with an oil-like substance. I could not detect any flow in this pit.

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I observed elemental mercury on the ground surface at several site locations.

If you have any questions concerning my observations, please give me a call.

Sincerely yours,

Michael V. Polito  
Emergency Response Branch